



**PATIENT**

Bella Heye

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Cavalier

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

13 years

**WEIGHT**

20.3lbs

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**DATE**

5/10/23

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Recheck echo. History chronic valvular disease - Stage B1. Presently, Bella has been having progressive mobility issues. Good appetite. Makes a sound like she's trying to clear her throat (will be examined for laryngeal paralysis today). On exam: NSR, grade IV/VI murmur with PMI left apical area, PSS, lung fields clear, mm pink, moist, CRT < 2. BP: 140 mmHg x 2; 160 mmHg x 3. \*No sedation for study.

-Pertinent previous echo findings (9/14/22 MML): LA 2.7 cm; LA:Ao 1.3, LV 3.4 cm; mild LAE, moderate MR, trivial TR.

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

2D, m-mode, color flow and Doppler imaging is available.

**Left ventricle:** The LV diameter is normal with adequate myocardial function. LV wall thicknesses are normal.

**Left atrium:** The left atrium is mildly dilated.

**Mitral valve:** The mitral valve is diffusely thickened with mild prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Moderate eccentric mitral regurgitation with an elevated velocity.

**Aortic valve/aorta:** The aortic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Normal aortic outflow velocity; laminar flow. No aortic insufficiency.

**Right ventricle:** Normal right ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

**Right atrium:** Normal RA dimension.

**Tricuspid valve:** The tricuspid valve appears mildly thickened with trivial tricuspid regurgitation.

**Pulmonic valve/pulmonary artery:** The pulmonic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Trace pulmonic insufficiency. Normal RVOT velocity; laminar flow.

**Pericardium/other:** No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac masses.

**Heart rhythm:** ECG reveals a sinus rhythm with an average HR of 140bpm.

**2-Dimensional Measurements**

Ao diam (cm)	2.0
LA diam (cm)	2.6
LA:Ao (Swe)	1.3
IVS thickness (cm)	0.8
LVID diastole (cm)	3.2
PW thickness (cm)	0.8
LVID systole (cm)	1.4
FS (%)	56

**Doppler Measurements**

PV Vmax (m/s)	0.6
AoV Vmax (m/s)	1.3
MR Vmax (m/s)	6.5
TR Vmax (m/s)	NM
TR PG (mmHg)	NA

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS**

Chronic degenerative valve disease persists with continued stability. Moderate mitral regurgitation is unchanged without progressive left heart dimensions. No pulmonary hypertension or additional pathology has developed.

Given these findings, no medications are indicated. Continued assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term prognosis, which is highly variable at this stage (B1).



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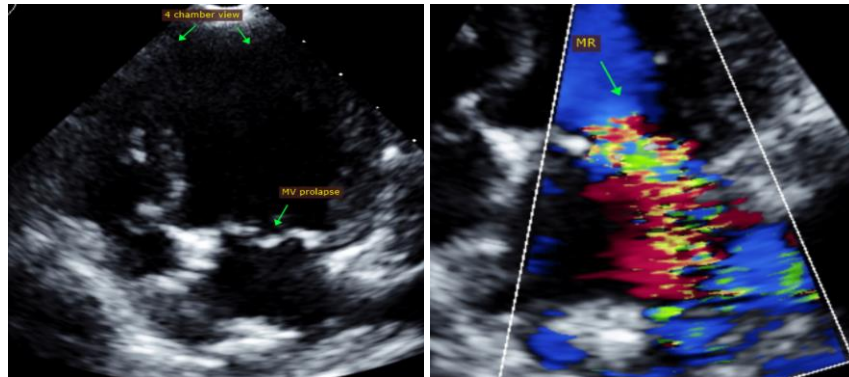
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- No cardiac medications are clearly indicated.
- Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may be of some long-term benefit.
- Anesthetic risk is considered mild if needed. Cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol or alfaxalone induction, isoflurane gas) are recommended. Pre-oxygenate for 5-10 minutes prior to induction. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene as necessary. Mild IV fluid restriction is recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.
- Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

**PLAN**

- Recommend conservative monitoring with a recheck echocardiogram in 6 months, sooner if any development of clinical signs.

**IMAGES**



The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. This report was generated using transcription software, and minor dictation errors may be present. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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